GENERAL SECRETARY

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3407 Genesee St.,
Seattle, Wn. Feb. 20, 1920.

Dr. John A. Marquis,

156 Fifth Ave., New York.

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colours into the landscape (to paint the Hospital I mean).

We have three children, 2 were born at Diomede Is., and one in Seattle. As I was the only white man at the Is. I was their teacher, minister and doctor. I have had quite a lot of medical experience. Mrs. Eide is a practical all around woman that is not afraid to work. She acted as my interpreter at Diomede and did a good work there. She is also a true christian. Here is a work that we are qualified for and that needs us. Please find a way to help us get the job. We want very much to go up to Point Barrow. "Jesus said to us to go out into all the world and preach". I think though that he meant for us to go where we know the work that we know was needed. That's the reason we want to go up there. We do missionary work here, but we know more about Alaska and there is the place we ought to be. Please answer soon so we may get ready.

Sincerely yours for the Master's service,

(sgd.) Arthur Eide.

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3407 Genesee St
Seattle Wn. March 15 - 20.

GENERAL SECRETARY

Dr John A. Marquis.
156 Fifth Ave New York.

My Dear Dr Marquis.

Your letter of March 6 at hand, and much appreciated. In considering the work on Nunivak I have come to the conclusion that it is a very desirable place to go to for a man without small children as he is not handicaped by having trouble in his home. I mean sickness and the like!

San Lorrance is a very good place for any missionary as they only have to step in and continue the work of past faithfull workers.

In regard to building I have practical experience in erecting and building of frame building such as is put up in Alaska. I was for 1 year with a building concern in San Francisco and as I am a painter of trade I can do the work from fundation to finish.

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#3 - Including Missionary gospel work.
Building community centers, sanitary houses
and civil engineering is my speciality
I would like nothing better than go
to Point Barrow to take charge of
this work and to act as an assistance
to the Dr. including the Mission work.
As Mrs Eide was born there it would
mean quite a bit to the people to have
her come back to help them. She has Hospital
training and can be of use in the Hospital
when needed. The children has to go to school
in another year and take it all
around Point Barrow would be
the place where we can do most work.
You will need a man to go with the
lumber and supplies from here to
Point Barrow as no one knows what
is going to happen on the way up.
Many times no ship is able to go as far
as P. B. As I am aquainted with the Coastle
I am confident that I can do the work
satisfactory and we will be ready to go
when you give the orders. Dont be
afraid to call on us for anything you
wish us to do. We are not afraid of work.
Weighting your decision I am very sincerely
yours Arthur Eide.

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P.S. We would be glad to go any of the other places if we can't go to P.B.
Alaska is our field and the sooner we get to work up there the better.

P.E.

MAR 29 1920

Dr Dixon
Young

First Presbyterian Church
Seattle, Washington

March 24, 1920

Rev. John A. Marquis, D. D.,
Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Brother:

I sent for Mr. Eide. I find that he is a professional, trained and experienced painter and decorator, and has been working in houses and on house construction from Stockholm, Sweden, to Seattle. He was also connected for twelve months with a portable house company in San Francisco and assisted in building the houses. He could not only superintend the work you want done but he could with his own hands do the painting and therefore save you some expense.

His wife is a trained nurse and would take a position in the hospital. We have taken him under our care as a candidate for the ministry, but I believe if you will give me the authority to engage him for your work, it would be better to send him up there, let him build your hospital, do the work as a Christian layman before we ordain him. What do you say?

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His wife was born in Alaska, and she is a very capable woman. She would make a good assistant in the hospital. Let me know your wishes.

The other ministers I spoke of for Alaska are American ministers and I believe would fit your fields in different places.

Hoping for an immediate reply telling me what to do with Mr. Eide, I am

Your true friend,

M Stallard

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REV. JOHN A. MARQUIS, D. D. GEN. SEC'Y.
156 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

REV. B. P. FULLERTON, D. D. WESTERN SEC'Y.
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Seattle, March 27, 1920.

Rev.John A. Marquis, D.D.,
General Secretary,
156 Fifth Ave.,
NEW YORK CITY.

Dear Mr.Marquis:

In re Mr.Arthur C.Eide, Seattle.

Your favor of the 17th Inst. duly received, and have been unable to see Mr Eide until this morning, on account of being out of the city.

Mr Eide was for two years in the Seminary. He is under the care of Dr Matthews' church- a candidate for the ministry- has had three years' experience as a Government teacher in one of the lands in Bering Straits. His wife was a protege of Sheldon Jackson and she has had three years' experience as a nurse at Port Barrow, at which point she was born. Dr Marsh had charge of the Port Barrow work at the time she was nurse there. They have three children and both Mr and Mrs Eide are in the finest of health and I should judge he is not over 35 years - if that old.

His idea, and it appeals to me, is to take up our work if we can arrange to have him at Port Barrow- and his wife as an assistant to Dr Spence, not only as a teacher but as an interpreter, as both she and Mr Eide speak the Eskimo language. His idea is that they would get a native girl, make her one of the family to help with the children and help around the house, so as to allow Mrs Eide devote her time to the hospital and the work around about Port Barrow. Mr Eide himself,being a young man, can do the work that Dr Spence cannot on account of his age. Mr Eide can take the dog team and go 25, 30 or more miles any time to look up any work needed. He has had experience in building some houses himself and would be willing to undertake to oversee the building of the hospital, and I am sure he would do it as well as anybody that we could send from here.

Mr Eide tells me that last year two scooners went to Port Barrow from San Francisco- that the proper way to do, in his opinion, is to take passage on one of these scooners that would be sure to go through, but to make it a business of going through and not turning back. Of course Layman's idea is always to know what it costs and he tells me that the Government pays $1400.00 for a teacher, $600 to $800 for a woman as an assistant or a nurse and that it would cost about $600 for the supplies for a year. And he is recommended by Mr Lopp, who has charge of the United States Bureau of Education for Alaska and resides in Seattle, and I believe you could do no better than to make arrangements with Mr Eide to go there at the salary indicated, unless you thought he ought to have more, which I believe he should have, being a young man and able to do the work that we want him to do. He is a nice clean looking man- young and vigorous and his wife and children are just as

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healthy as he is. He has had some experience looking after sick people in the Government School where he was located the three years he was up there. He has appeared before our Ladies Society and other Societies of our church, has made addresses and is spoken of and recommended very highly by them and by the ministers who know him, and from the talk that I have had and his ability to express himself, I believe it would be the finest thing for him to make an address in a general assembly, in some of the eastern churches in behalf of Alaska work, because he has a fund of information and a fund of personal experience that would have a telling effect on any congregation that he would address and I believe that he were taken east and given a fair show that there would be no trouble in getting funds to finance his work up there.

I would like to hear from you soon, because he is anxious to know whether you look with favor on sending him there as he has a house here that he would wish to dispose of and be ready to go the minute you can use him.

I heartily approve of securing Mr Eide and his wife to do this work.

He would want his moving expenses paid up there. If there is anything I can do to help you in this matter, be sure and call on me, because I am interested in the work and am desirous of helping in any way I can in regard to the Alaska work.

I will be at the Board meeting, which according to my data shows that it meets on the fourth Thursday of April, or April 22nd. I will try and be there a couple of days beforehand so that anything that you wish to take up with me in the way of criticism or advice I will be there to take both.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Sincerely yours, J A Gowen

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3407 Genesee St.
Seattle, Wn. April 2-2.

Dr John L. Marquis
156 - Fifth ave
New York.

Dear Dr Marquis. your letter of March 25 just arrived and Mrs Eide and myself thank you and the board for their appointment in the our Lords service. I am sure that this is of God and so of course everything will be allright. In regard to our salary that is fully up to you and the board. the only change I would sugest is that you give Mrs Eide a sirtain sum in her name for her work. that will be the better way. because she will then feel as her service is appreciated.

In regard to the trained nurse that you expect to send with us. I would say that it would be very plesant co. but an expensive one to the mission. If it is not to much. I would sugest that you give Mrs Eide an opportunity to show what she have learned and what she can do. If she is able to do the

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work satisfactory why not let her do it? she has set her heart on this work she say she can. I do not know if she can! but Dr Spence surely would find out inside a year what she knows and is able to do. this first year will be a little difficult anyway as the building will be under construction for some time. then of course it would be much better for the nurse to come next year and be able to move in to a finished apartment. But I leave this matter entirely in your hand and pray that our Heavenly Father will lead us all in the right way.

As I do not know the plans for the hospital nor how it is going to be lighted I will tell you that I have been busy looking up the various light plants on the market at the present time. there are as you know now in use in the Alaska school service three different lighting systems. coal oil lamps gas-generator lamps and Electric. the 2 first one is badly smoke and unsanitary the Delco or some other plant is the safest and best light and power for a hospital. and to all the modern instruments,

III can be used while with any other light there would be useless. If the board has not the money give me the authority and I will go and raise the funds. Do you want me to make out a list of the supplies we would need and have it sent to you, or will you send a certain sum for that anyway you think best suits me. We used to deal with Schwabacker but I do not know if they will do as well as some you may know. We need a few things that we won't get before we have the stores so I went to Mr Gould and asked his advice and he said that it would be alright to ask for an advancement of salary, as it is frequently done. Can I have a thousand dollars for our own expenses? or less.

The S.S. Herman and the S.S. Bowden Brought out to Point Barrow last year and will go up again this year. The S.S. Herman belongs to Liebig and Co. San Francisco and leaves either the last this month or in the first next. She goes to San Lorrance first then to Diomede and home. She is usually the first to get to Point Barrow. I should think you could

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~~that you can~~ get the Herman to take the lumber and supplies either direct from here or from home. Captain Pedersen of the Herman is an old Alaskan a friend of us and you can depend upon him to deliver the goods. Their ads is Leiby and Co. Post St San Francisco. Bender Brod. was sold to a trader last year so she is not to be had. the Bureau of Education is promised a boat from the Navy yard and they have promised to let me know if they get it. Pardon my long letter but time is short and its a long way to here, so I thought it the better way to write it all at once instead in short instalments. May God bless you in your work and I am sure we will have many good years of fellowship together. How and what will you pay those natives that will help me build the Hospital? Do we have to take our beds along? Please let us know what we have to do to be ready, and please call on me for anything you want to do. Yours in the Master's service

Arthur Eide.

April 26, 1920.

Mrs. Arthur Eide,
3407 Genesee Street,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mrs. Eide:

We have enjoyed having your husband here very much in consultation with reference to the hospital to be erected at Point Barrow. I trust that some time we may have the pleasure also of meeting you and talking over that important work with you.

We are commissioning your husband to Point Barrow as the assistant to Dr. F. H. Spence in the conduct of the mission work there. Mr. Eide's duties, however, will be to help in the erection of the hospital. Dr. Spence will probably want him to take charge also of the general care of the hospital. However, that will depend on Dr. Spence's desire for him. After the hospital is erected Mr. Eide will then give such assistance to Dr. Spence as he can in preaching, teaching and other mission work.

In thinking the matter over we have changed the form of the salary from what I wrote Mr. Eide before his coming here. At that time I had in mind that he would live in his own house and provide his own furniture, food, etc. Since he has come here we have concluded that it would be better for him and you and the family to live in the hospital and have our Board furnish food, furniture, equipment, etc. Furthermore, $1,500 in money would not be sufficient for your family to live on and provide all your supplies, so the arrangement we have made now is to provide supplies and furniture, which will amount to considerably more than $1,000, and, in addition to this, to pay $1,000 in cash. It is a rule of the Board not to pay the wives of missionaries separate salaries, as we regard husband and wife as one. They can make such division of their salary as they see fit, but we make no distinction between them.

In closing, permit me to assure you of our daily prayer and earnest wish for the health, happiness and usefulness of Mr. Eide and yourself, and also the little children as they grow up in the far North. Every day at noon we have a Prayer Meeting here in which the missionaries are prayed for. Next year your name and Mr. Eide's will go in the Book of Prayer for missionaries.

Assuring you of our interest and earnest desire to cooperate, I am

Very truly yours,

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3407 Genesee St
Seattle. Wn.
April 29, 1920.

J. A. Gould
624 Leary Bldg.
Seattle. Wn.

Dear Mr Gould;

Just got your letter, and I want to thank you in letting me know about my husband and when he was to come home. I am glad to hear he is well and will be home soon. Children and I have been well and will be glad to see Dad home.

Well God has greatly blesse us and I have been thanking Him and He surely has answered my prayers. and now my husband and I will go with our hearts full of joy and prasing God and will tell my people of God's wonderful love for us all and How He can supplies His children. And I want to thank and say tro, that Mission Board is doing great work for my people at Pt Barrow. and other places in Alaska. and for this hospital that they are sending. Oh. I think it is wonderful thing.

And now, my people at Pt Barrow will not have to lay sick in their close small Igloo and suffer when they sick. and thank God. now. they ~~have~~ will have good Christian place to be treated.

And now my desires are satisfied and I feel God has answer my prayers and to be going back to my own people and be in that hospital just suit me for I have wanted that kind of work for my people. now. Is it that God will? I say yes. for that is what I wanted to do for so long. and now God has made so I can do that.

And I want to thank you and Theis for accepting us into this work for our Master.

I am sincerely yours.

Mrs Arthur Eide

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3407 Genesee St
Seattle Wn.
May, 26. 1920

Dr J. A. Marquis
156. 7 fth Avenue
New York.

My dear Dr. Marquis;

I was very glad to get your most welcome letter, and I want to write few lines before leaving for our great work at Pt Barrow, where I was born. And in which I am very glad to be able to go back to my people whom I have wanted to help, because God loved me first, and I learn to love my fellow men.

With out God, life is nothing and is darkness.

I wanted to thank you, and all those we are putting their time in helping my people, and you are now going to send this wonderful hospital which I have wish for so many time and wanted to go up north to be a nurse, and now God's plans is fill fill. and I know He will greatly you. and we have His promises, that is we need to do His work.

And that is the way my husband and I are going. and that God may direct the work the way He wants done. and I know it be success if we leave it to God.
And I'm glad He has made me see the work He has for me to do, and I know the ways of the people and I can talk with them.

I think this hospital is greatest thing is going to be send up, now when the people get sick. they can have good clean place to stay and have some one look after them. Oh. I can not forget. I think God He had supplies the means to put it.

Now about the salary, that does not worry me best bite. so it is right any way the Board fix it. We are not going for money but after souls for God. And He will supplies all our needs so He know what we need up there.

I am glad our names will be in your book of prayers and we need them.

I was sorry you did not reach Point Barrow last summer, but next time you will make, if we have to come down and meet you with the sled and dogs. and we shall look forward to you coming see us in our

new home.

Only thing that worries me is about our supplies if we are going to get them from the Trading station at Barrow.
I don't like to see mission buying any thing from that store, and he does not want to supply any one with cash, and all he wants is these furs from the natives so he can get them for poor trade goods and he has kept the natives in debts all the time and lots of them have died still owing him, and all his goods are not the best and I know he does not carry the supplies what we would need. And I shall be glad if there would be any other way for the native to buy from and sell their furs and get full value for them.

Thanking you again that my husband and I can share with you all in this great work for our master, and we are only too glad to do any thing you wants us to do.

Will sail from here July 1.

Very truly yours.

Mrs Eide.

Schoner Fox, of Icy cape, August 24th 1920 -

My dear Gene:-

As you see we are still flothing aronnd somwerein the arctic, had 14 days on the Viv, and on plesure trip at that, storm and nasty weather most of the time. We went on the Herman to Teller, where wesplit up, Mr Brown wife and the wonderfull nurse was able to get passage on the Herman to Barrow while we had to go on the Fox , a sailing wessel belonging to Leiby S, F. We have half of the freight, and Browm will be up against it if we do not get up there pretty guick, The nurse is a general nunsonse and knows it all, She do not wont to wash cook or do any house work, and in the short time we have been together I for one have no great love for her, either Mrs Eide, she has staid away from us all the time from the time we left Seattle, wonder what she is going to do the firstyear year, We~~-~~ ~~hav~~ have had stormy weather the time we left Teller, 15 days a go, Herman got there I gues Bar 10 days ago as they have steam, the Captain is just inside the cabin and he say we are making no headwind atall but we will get there sometimes, we have had our clothes on for over two weeks, and we feel misserably, evrybody has a cold ,we has not enough blankets,so I use my sweater at night as a sleaping bag thats alright, The Cordova landed the goods in a awful wav , Mr Wittard told us that they put briks, glas ah lumber in the same sling, he told the men not to nnhook the slings ,so the captain got sore and was going to leave Teller without unload-ing, but on secon thouth he chenged hes methods and got the freight in shore all mixed up, Allen was in Teller when we came and got away before we left wiht 100 tons of goods,The baathe has is a little sch,dirty and without acomodation for pasengers he refused to take us along. The condition up here is rotten no buisines,but fur, and they are going down, all our Eskimo freinds are dead or going all over craation,Captain on the Herman garant-ied to take the coal from Wainright, when he comes back from Hersell Is, that is, if Allen cant take it,

Dr Condit staied in Nome to wait for the Bear, but no one knows where she were, and evrybody was thinking that she would not get to Pt Barrow, as her boilers was in bad shape, The ~~would~~ Bear is sure a joke up here, why dont the Geverhment get a good boat on the run, we need it bad. or say Gene, you take up a colection and buy aboat and I,ll run it,, put Mr Keeleron the job he can do it, Now that all the serious buisenes is over I,ll tell you what we see as we go along, w e met hundreds of walrus this morning and this afternoon we ran into a shole of killer whales, as we have no fresh meat it would be fine if we could get a walrus, my guns are all reddy for hunting,Ithouth we would see Polars Bears, but there is no ice in sight, so there is no bear, We have seen hundreds of ducks but the ice igxx have disapered fot once wich is fortunate for us, Hope you and the old man are not worrying abaut us, we will get there alright, but I think it will the last time I,ll take my family on a sail ing ship, they have no buisines in the arctic any more,

Be sure to write me, I will be on the lookout for those Fox-skinds, I think Ican get them reasonablenext year,

Withbest regards I,m y ours truly

Arthur Eide.

Shhooner Fox, Aug.26,

Somewhere on the ocean near Icy cape.

Dear Mr. Dould:-

I wrote to Gene the other day, from somewhere near where we are today, but forgot a few things, that came to my notise in Teller, Mr. Brown and separeted at Teller, he and the mrs, went with the Herman, wich has gacoline motor, I forgot the nurse, she also went with them, the Herman was going to tow us to Barrow, but gotten out in to the strait, a storm came up and he let us go, The Fox have most of the lumber, and some of the freight, so Brown will be short of material if we ~~t~~hont get there pretty sona, We have been on the Fox 16 days today, and we are as dirty as pigs, Mrs, and the baby have to sleap on the floor, but the worst is that we have not enough blankets, we thought we would be up there in 4-5 days, the cook and the messboy have given us their room, and they have been very good to us, but you can see what it means to be 5 in a room that was intendet for 2,

Mr, Gould, I do think now, that we made a very serius mistace in sending Miss, Jordan up here, this year, I,m, afraid she will have a hard time, after all, she is not satified with the native way of making clothes, and say she will show them a thing or ~~tow~~ two, well she is young yet, one thing we dislike about her is that she do not get up in the morning, and many days on the Vic, she went without breakfast, just on that acount, I,m sorry for her, but do not like her ways, she sure has to change them if she is to get along wi~~t~~h the Eskimo.

The coal we got from the Waterhouse people, is alright only thy have used old rotten sacks for it, and we have lost over

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a ton of it , also the glass we got, windows I meen: ware paced wery porly, many boxes were brooken, from bad handling by the Cordova, in the roadsted at Teller, but from what I can see of the goods we have with us they are in prettyy good shape,

Captain Allan had his wife on board, the Olga, he told me that he had writen that letter to you before he knew what he was up against, regarding labor, down in Duch Harbor, He had intened to build a large cabin on to the Olga, but when his men left him, he was upagainst it, and decided to build a small on, so he had no place for pasangers, Mrs Brown decided not to depart from her ~~husxband~~ husbund, so they went wiht the Herman, althou there ware no plase for them, Mrs Brown got a sofa to sleap on, while Brown had to sleap in a launsh on top of the dack, the night from Nome I fixed up a bed up in the launsh, used a few~~xoarsxforxmattressxaxoldxsailxfor~~ oars for sprlng, and an old sail for mattres, then Bishop Rowe, Mr Brown Arthur Jr, and yours truly went to sleap together, I was rather cold, as the Bishop rooled around untill he had most of the blankets, in the morning when we he told us how well he slept , I told what he had done, he said " I was always known as one who could hold~~my~~ my own- Brown was a little sore, in his boones of course" and complayned that I had not succede d in getting all the wrinkles out of the mattres, Miss Jordan had as a bed a big armchair, as Bishop Rowe Mr, THomas the missinary to Pt, Hope, and their two nurses, were also on the Herman, we have better acomodation but aslower voiage, When we get to Barrow I will finish this letter-

Write mesoon. Yours very truly,

Arthur Eide, over.

Wainwright Aug. 27.

We got in here yesterday noon. The Bear passed us up in the evening for Pt Barrow. Captain Allen played us a trick. He left Tilles 2 days ahead of us, instead of going for Barrow direct. He had some business over at San. Lorrance Is. and thus he got stuck in the ice for 10 days. He got in to Barrow yesterday or today. The Herman was here 12 days ago, and is now up at Herschell Is. Brown got to Barrow alright. The "Ruby" came from Herschell Is. this morning and is towing us into the roadstead in Wainwright. We will be here a day or two. We get 5-5 tons of Coal here for the hospital this time. We will undoubtedly not see Dr Condit on the return trip. There is no ice around for hundreds of miles this year. So everything will be alright. I wish the snow would stay away two up for Christmas anyway. That would give us a good start in building. Will good-by for this time, more later. Yours sincerely

Irwin Eide

Gould

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Barrow, Alaska,

Sept. 12, 1920.

Mr. J. A. Gould,

724 Leary Bldg., Seattle.

Dear Mr. Gould:

Will write you a few lines as this will probably be the last mail for some time. We have the main building 36 - 0 X 70 - 0 frame complete with the upper joist put in place yesterday, the basement all boarded up to first floor line with one course tongued & grooved flooring, the first floor complete with the first floor lining the chimney about 2 - 0 feet above first floor. Mr. Eide is making good job of the brick work and no trowel to work with except one he made out of a hoe. We have 15 natives working, paying them $3.00 per day 10 hours from 8 A.M. to 6 P.M. and giving them a meal at noon time which takes about one hour. We have to do this in order to keep them together and give them a warm meal. Some of them come in the morning without breakfast. They are very poor and I do not think our mission is doing enough along the line of improving their living conditions. I would say not quite so much Church, but try and make them more comfortable. Have them to clean up, take a few more baths and wash their clothing at least once before it is worn out, get out of these miserable dirt igloos and live a little more like white people. I believe Mr. and Mrs. Cram of the school are doing a good work along that line. But they do not have the supplies of the Mission here. Mr. Cram brought over $2100.00 worth of flour, sugar, tea and baking powder from the Cutter Bear, strictly a native store, run without profit only for the natives and selling much lower than the traders store where we are doing business. According to instructions Dr. Spence and I made this arrangement with Mr. Brower and I give the men a slip calling for so much money and they have to take it in trade. Many of them have asked me if they could go to Mr. Cram and trade with him. I have told all that under the present arrangement Mr. Cram could not take them and they go away much disappointed. I believe that if these natives were dealt with as they should be they would not all be in debt to Mr. Brower as they are now except one. As Dr. Spence told me his name is Ling John and he is working for me and Mr. Brower and Dr. Spence both say he is an agitator. Well, I say God bless him. I wish there were a few more agitators. His work is satisfactory to me. In fact these natives can do very satisfactory work, far beyond what I expected. They are very slow but after being shown they are good imitators. If we have two more weeks good weather we will have the roof on and I will put everything under cover. We are getting along fine and are pleased the way everything is going. We have comfortable quarters in one room in the attic of the school building and cooking on the little laundry stove bought for the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Eide have a very comfortable house and getting along well. Mrs. Eide is well liked by the natives and I am sure she will do a good work for her people and especially in getting them to clean up.

I believe I told you in my last letter the basement is nearly all above ground. The building site has a slope of about 3 feet which is of some advantage for the basement as I can only excavate about 16" on the high side of the ground to merely make it level, will only finish 12 feet wide in center of building for the heating and light plant. will be 6' - 0" in height and will enclose this part separate to make it warmer. We put the concrete piers down in the ice about 18 to 20 inches. Those on the lower side were 2 feet deep. Mr. Brower says that is fine and will stand. If you wish to send special word Mr. Lopp can give you information how to reach here. We are all well. Thanking you for past favors, I am, Sincerely,

(signed) M. A. BROWN.

Barrow, Alaska, Sept. 14, 1920.

Presbyterian Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave., New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:-

After being on the field from August 17th to September 14th, I find the situation here insufferable. Hence I shall remain only xxxxxx until the first opportunity permits an escape. Of course, you are astonished at such action and an explanation is due you.

The hardships, climate, isolation, etc., play a comparatively small part in the most vital phase of Barrow's problems. These concrete elemental handicaps you were frank about and I faced these before leaving New York. Now I ask you to face some of the other things with me before you pass too hasty a judgment upon the matter.

Congeniality between a dozen or so white folk in a little asttlement may seem a very small item, but stretch your imagination a bit and picture yourself in it. The Board of Education tell their teachers that they they are, "It" and anything they do and say goes. We happen to have a couple of obnoxious "Its" under the Board of Education and a few under the Presbyterian Board.

For the past three years Mr. and Mrs. Cram have made things very hard for Dr. and Mrs. Spence, How? By dictating, meddling, etc. For example, Demanding that Dr. and Mrs. Spence have nothing to do with the station (Trading Company's store) people----- Demanding that Dr. Spence publicly disgrace a native in church when Dr. saw no cause for so doing. So the story might go on and on. Just at present, Mr. Cram acted for the natives in selling the S. S. Ruby some reindeer then took this money to help buy flour, sugar, and tea from the S. S. Bear. I know of a few natives who did not know of this and tried several times to get their share of the reindeer money before finding out that they had to trade it out. They tried to force the Mission to buy of them instead of the usual way through the Station, to help feed and pay the native builders.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown are rooming at the school house and are on the Cram side of the fence. On the S. S. Victoria Mrs. Brown told me she would not take sides etc. etc. ---- After being up all night with a patient and trying to sleep the next morning, I heard Mrs. Brown raising a tirade in the Mission kitchen. The last thing she said to Mrs. Spence was, "I've not heard you tell a straight truth since we came here." Mrs. Brown has since called Dr. and Mrs. Spence underhanded and deceitful etc. to me and I tried to reason with her but it did no good.

Dr. and Mrs. Spence are both very quiet and dignified and say almost nothing under such insults. You may say such things are too petty to be noticed. But just try to exist in such an atmosphere for a few weeks. It takes ten times more vitality right out of Dr. and Mrs. Spence than anything else could. Dr. is no fighter and all he asks is peace and tries to make it. All he gets is the brunt of things.

Dr.'s and Mrs. Spence's health is another grave matter. They are both utterly worn out. Their physical condition is really serious. Mrs. Spence has weak spells which are likely due to a cardiac condition. Doctor's eyesight is getting much worse. The sight xxx of one eye is exceedingly poor and the

other eye is very irritable. The physical condition of both of them is precarious.

Dr. and Mrs. Spence have worked hard and faithfully. They are much beloved by all the natives. Their standards are high. They have put through many improvements in both the church and the mission. Their church organization is fine. The meetings have an excellent attendan ce etc.

It is most pathetic to witness this elderly couple in their grave physical condition trying to carry on the religious work and keep peace. I am apprehensive of what spring will find left of them. Is this what God's children must come to in their old age in the name of Missions?

Sept. 23d -- Conditions are going from bad to worse. It is a veridical inferno and Dr. and Mrs. Spence getting the brunt as usual. It is just one thing after another. I think Dr. is writing you about Mr. Eide's supercilious and insulting attitude in general and stirring up trouble over first one thing then another. Mrs. Eide is practically the same frame of mind. Dr. is also writing about the coal division fuss. The whole bunch completely ignore Doctor's wishes in most everything.

Personally, I have avoided the school house and the Eides as much as possible and have only participated in two hot squabbles up to date, so far as I acn remember. One with the Eides when they tried to tell me what I should and should not do and say, and they have since been fairly decent to me but not to Dr. My other fuss was with Mrs. Brown this morning. Mrs Brown was in the Mission supply room when she began a tirade about the Spences to me. Well, Mrs. Brown let out, and I let in, and the sparks flew around in general. It is a wonder the Mission did not burn up.

It is rank murder keeping Dr. and Mrs. Spence in this inferno. We are coming out of it as soon as possible.

Please do not ask me to reconsider remaining in Barrow. I have had enoughand will not consider staying under any circumstances.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

(signed) May Olive Jordan

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Pt Barrow, Alaska, Sept 23,1920

Rev, John A, Marquis, D.D.

My dear Dr Marquis:-

Many things have happened since I left N,Y, in April, but will not have time tonight to send in a full raport of my work. The Herman is reported to be on her way out,so will send the mail with him. We landed the 4th of this month, after 24 days on a sailing vessel and were glad to get here. We got all the material save in shore, exept the coaloil & gasoline, it was not sent from Seattle, by some mistake, Dr Spense did not have any place for us at the missi-on, as he had the trader and his family staying there, we got a cople of mattreses and slept on the floor in the storroom for two nigths, when a native moved out into a tent so that we could get his house, where we are now staying, Dr Spense has not intridused us to the people as their assistant and do not wont us in the church work, I have spoken twise in the church, but that was by my own request, He has since the time Mr Brown began on the building, ~~xxix~~ tried to make truble for him, and when I went to work on the chimney one Sunday morning, he came and ordered me off, and said that it was not nessesary (Mr Gould told me to work if nessesary) to get the building up this year, he ~~she~~ shoved me the latter Mr Banks wrote me to Seattle and told me that I was a truble maker and a failure on the outside, and was sent up here to make truble for him. He has refused to buy us any meat so far, so I have to buy it myself, and give the ordre on the Board, we have to have meat and fish, and I think we are in title to it, dont you Dr,? Mr Brown have 16 men working, and we have the building inclosed the ~~xuff~~ roof on, and I finished the chimney at noon to day,it is 33 feet tall, Mrs Eide is cooking for the men

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(signed) ARTHUR EIDE.

C O P Y

Barrow, Alaska,

September 24, 1920.

Presbyterian Board of Home Missions,

New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

It is with deepest regret that I witness the departure of Dr. and Mrs. Spence and Miss Jordan, but under existing conditions here it is the only safe and sane thing that they can do. The health of both the Dr. and his wife is very poorly, besides the worries and trials of fighting an up hill fight for the past three years has been very hard on them both.

They can well be proud of their work here, and the natives are going to miss them sorely. The Dr. was always ready to attend them day or night. I have seen the Dr. go to the Point, a distance of twelve miles, in weather that I wouldn't want to travel in and I am an experienced dog-driver used to all kinds of weather, and he would do this twice a week, mont after month. Why? Because he was conscientiously doing his duty.

I have written these few lines that you may know that we have fully appreciated the Doctor's services, and as a Doctor as well as in the church he will be sadly missed this coming year.

Yours truly,

(signed) Harry W. Bloomfield,

Agent of C. S. W. & T. Co.

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Barrow, Alaska,

Sept. 25, 1920.

Dear Mr. Gould:

Since writing my last letter I have the building enclosed roof all on and have taken all the material inside. We had to sweep off snow and shake off the ice sometimes but the weather on yesterday was favorable 34 above so that now we have everything in good shape for the winter's work. Will put in foundation at once (if weather permits) for the wing and put on the sills and leave that part of the work until next season. As it would be late in the season before we could excavate for the concrete piers. Will not make the wing as large as plans call for as we will have plenty of room in basement for all the fuel and will not need as much room. Will send you full description in my next as the building now stands and cost for help to date could not ask for anything better. God has favored us in the weather.

Hurriedly, as the last boat for mail is in sight,

(signed) M. A. BROWN.

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Point Barrow, Alaska,
Sept. 25, 1920.

Mr. J. A. Gould
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Friend:

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Well we were not bit surprised at Miss Brown leaving. I knew she would not want to stay up here and have to do any thing. She was not brave enough to stand the hard life, any more than one could get along with her. For she was peaunt and did not want any one to tell her any thing. She just wanted to get up here to Forest point in Alaska. she was just determined to get here. Oh she was awful just think of her calling Mrs Brown awful names and order her from Mission, why she is crazy that is all can. and we are all glad she left. I do hope Home board will not blame us for Dr and Mrs Greene departure as we tried to do every thing to help them but he only refuse your assistants.

We are all and the time goes so fast.

Hope to hear from you some times with all best wishes.

From
Mrs Arthur Eide

COPY

Seattle, November 3, 1920

Rev. John A. Marquis, D. D.,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

I have just received letters from Mr. Brown and from Mr. Eide. I am forwarding herewith Mr. and Mrs. Eide's letters, criticising Dr. Spence very severely. Of course, I pass no opinion on their criticism.

I also enclose Mr. Brown's letters, one of September 26th. You will observe that Mr. Brown has nothing disagreeable to say about anybody up there; tho he criticises a little the natives themselves in not cleaning up more and taking a bath once in a great while, at least, once a year. You can depend on what he says so that you will know how it is getting along.

I have also heard thru Mr. Lopp that the telegram sent out from there by way of Nome in the middle of October showed that they were getting along very fine with the hospital; that they had got it all enclosed and ready to go to work on the inside and finish the outside..You may depend on what Mr. Brown says in every particular and I pass these along to you, together with a couple of small photos that Eide sent me in his letter.

I am writing to Eide and also to Mr. Brown by this mail and they may possibly get the letters by the middle of December or later, but I am not sure about that.

I had a long talk With Mr. Lopp about the Pt. Barrow work. He thinks that by all means Dr. Spence and his wife should be taken out of Pt. Barrow this coming year and somebody else sent there, or not send anybody if you couldn't send somebody better than Dr. Spence. He is very much put out with Dr. Spence's way of controlling the natives up there, keeping them from helping with whales when they go by on Sunday. There is one thing about Mr. Brown; you can rely upon him; he is an elder in the church and is very careful and willing to do everything that he can and not be a critic in any event.

As to the further cost of the building, I hardly think that you will have to pay over $3,000. all told, for Mr. Brown's trip up there for labor and his expenses, whatever it may be, which may not be as large as we anticipate. Besides he has quite a number of natives working for him that seem to give good satisfaction. Of course, these natives cannot work very long or very much more as the balance of the work will have to be done by Eide and Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown seems to be satisfied with the work that Eide is doing, and I rather think myself that Eide is a good enough man, if it was not for his abnormal desire to get into print, and to be interviewed. Possibly Mr. Brown's expenses there and the expenses of the natives up there may run up to $5,000., but I am not sure of anything so far away from Pt. Barrow. It might be well to figure on the cost of building and the expenses in addition to what you have already paid at

some $6,000., and I would not guarantee that amount, in any event.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) J. A. Gould.

P. S. I have just received a tip from Capt. Alex Allen that Dr. and Mrs. Spence has come out from Barrow also Miss Jordan likewise. They came out by the way of San Francisco. They were trying to get out on a government boat from upper Alaska. It looks now to me that Mr. Eide and wife with Brown and wife together with Rev. Gram, that they can get along allright.

November 5, 1920.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eide,
Pt. Barrow,
Alaska,

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Eide:

A couple of days ago I received word that Dr. Spence and wife, together with Miss Jordan, had jumped the job and flew the Coop, as it were, from Pt. Barrow, and went out on the Herman. You surely ought to be very happy in this change of development. The only thing that we will be fearful of is the fact that you have no doctor up there and should an epidemic start, you will have to give them some of the drugs that we sent up there. You ought to be able among you, in case of an epidemic, to fill them so full of drugs in Barrow that they won't know whether they are afoot or horseback.

Now as to the future: I am writing Mr. Brown today to take charge of everything there as far as possible, and between you and Mr. Brown and Mr. Cram I see no reason why you cannot get along a great deal better without either Miss Jordan or Dr. Spence and wife. There are not so many people up there but that you ought to be able to take care of them in fine shape. I have no fears about the religious part of it because you and Mr. Cram can take care of that. You can look after the welfare of all the people in that line up there. You still are subject to Mr. Brown's orders until the building is completed. In fact, I have no fears but that you and Mr. Brown will get along finely together, because Mr. Brown is a very level-headed careful man and one that almost anyone can get along with. I am rather of the opinion that it is the wish of the Board that Brown should take charge of the whole works up there and you report to him and work in harmony with him regarding the Pt. Barrow mission. Mr. Cram can help you in the religious part of the training there, so that it looks to me as tho it was all coming out for the best.

We will not be able to send any doctor in there before next season, and whoever goes up there, no doubt, will have full charge of the hospital and all of the religious work at that point.

Everything is going very nicely in Seattle and everything should be going over nicely at Pt. Barrow at the present time and until you get moved into the new hospital.

With best wishes and hoping that you will not undertake to send out any more interviews or any more highfaluting stories of the great amount of work that you are doing up there and that the work is all under your charge, which you know is not so. In any event, we will stay by you and help you all we can down here and you folks will have to be governed largely by Mr. Brown's say-so until he leaves there next year. I have no idea when this letter will reach you but am in hopes that you will get it by New Years. I hope you will send me out some word how things are going. Be sure to send out some small views if you can do so, as you have a kodak to take them with.

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MAR 30 1921

Barrow Alaska. Dec I4,I920.

Rev John A. Marquis,D.D.
I56 Fifth Ave New York.

My dear Dr. Marquis:- As Dr. Spence left ordre for some of the mail to be returned to him. and some to be given to the store here, I,m rather in a bad fix, because I have no way of knowing my duties,

This is of caurse known to Mr Cram,and he have taken all kinds of liberty with his knowlage. He have been against us in the mission work for some time,and he have able to turn Mr and Mrs Brown against us to. It is his intention to get us out of the work here, and Mrs Brown have said that when she comes on the outside again, she will do all in her power to stopp the sending of money to this mission because her church sent ten dollars up here this Summer,and she does not know what became of same, Mrs Cram oppenly accuse the Dr with misapropiation of money that were sent to the mission. But I think all that is a base falshood, Dr Spence treated us funny and we did not like it,but now I know why, Mr Brown were with the Crams all the time and he was against the Dr when I landed here. and he had made the Dr understand that I was not going to do any missionary work this year,and were antirely under his(Mr Browns)ordre,Even the service of Mrs Eide were to be under Mr Brown,and of caurse Dr Spence could not do anything also than to keep me where I belonged,

After the Drleft Mr Brown came to me (as he had come to the Dr) and requested me to give Mr Cram something to do in the church, and as Cram had not done any wrong toword us up to that time I recomanded him for S,S,Supt. The people said nothing and he took hold of the work. but I soon found out that I was not in it, he and Mr Brown would tolk over the work and they did what they pleased, I teach the S.S. teachers on Thursday,and I thought that Mr Cram and Brown would come and take part,as Mr Brown teach a class. but no, that was not Mr Crams way of doing busines, I found out that he took my S.S.teachers in to the school and by diferent meens got them to repeat what I had said the following night.these methods of him got him in trouble.as some one got the lesson twisted one night,and Cram flew up in the air about it,He went to Brown about it, and he came to mein a very ungentlemany way,telling me that I was trying to undo his teaching.and so forth,I did not know what he was talking about at first,but the following Sunday Cram came up on the platform and insulted me.by caling me a lier.after I had shown them their mistake they came all out agaiist me,because I got the best of them. Mr Brown ordered me not to go to the Point once a week,as he said he concidered that not nessesary. now Mrs Eide is going: He also told me that it was Mr Crams plase to take the comunion service in the church,as I was not fit to do it ,because I,m not ordained, and he was going to call the session together and get them to take Cram take my plase, after we had talked with him for a while he concidered that it would not be wise to bring Mr Crams troubles before the people because they have very little use for him.

Mr Brown is still at the Crams, he lett him have I00 sacks of caol, altho we have only 3 months supply on hand,Ihave given ordre to the people to take I50 sacks of coal from the church to the hospital that leaves us only 30 sacks for our srvices for the next 7 months. I have just enough coal to see us throu to the next supply comes in.

If Mr Brown moved into the hospital now ,which I would have done if I was in his place, we might get throu.until the Summer. because he has over a I00 sacks of outside coal for his own use,over at the gevernment storehouse.

I,m as sure as I,m here that Cram is after nothing else than the mission work here, beside the school. he would never concider one without the other, and as he have been here 7 years he thinks the Board own it to him, he is sure making everything unpleasant for us,just as he did with the Dr, I dont blame him for leaving as he did after what I know now: Please dont be to hard on him, he is an old man and he did his work to the best interest of everybody, what I said in my first letter was true.as I saw it at that time, but everything and everybody were in a false relation to each other, even the natives are mixed up in the white men troubles,and do not know that to do or think the best thing that would happen to Barrow,is to have Cram removed for good. Hoping this will help you in deling rightly with everybody conserning this work I,m yours very truly,

Alfred Eide

Barrow Alaska. Dec 27 1920.

Rev. John A. Marquis.D.D.

156 5th ave New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr Marquis:- I,m hereby sending the requisitions needed for the comcoming year,also copy of letter sent by me to the Fischer Brothers Co, Seattle. I,M also sending copies of all requisitions to Dr condit.

The work on the hospital is going along very well. we put up the Delco plant some time ago.and it works satisfactory only we need a larger plant to the required work. We had to put the plant on a wooden base ,but this is not satisfactory, it make to much noise. when I get the cement I,ll make a base of it for both plants. I meen the pump also,Mr Brown is now henging doors while I have put on the Upson board. I have 5 more rooms to finish. then we are ready to start on the finishing of the inside woodwork. wàch we will ~~big~~ begin in two weeks more.

The people here who have been to visit us, are all very plesed with the building. and Mr Brown have lots of fun showing all the visitors how the Electric plant works. He is just as pleased as the natives:- I supose he will give you the excect changes as they have been made in the hospital so I will not go into details of same at this time.

5P.M I have just come from the church ,where I had a meeting with the people. They decided to ask the Board for a larger Electric plant, and to pay $ 100.00 a year for the running expences of same, I think this step by these poor pepple should be considered by the Board,

As I can not send my vouchers out every month,(you know We are here during one year anyway) I wish arrangement be made to have my salary sent to Mr S.D.Wingate, 714 Seaboard Bldg Seattle Wn, who is my power of attorney,

Hoping this will reach you in time for proper filing ordering and shiping I,m your very truly,

Arthur Eide.

Dec 26' P.S. I forgot to write about a suggestion I had in mind regarding the lightning system here, We have now in the Hospital 34 lights,and have to put up four more in the caal and ice house, these makes a total of 38 light for the Hospital. then we have the Electric washingmashine,and Ironer,beside a hand Iron.

The Delco plant we have now is to small to handle all the work it id expected to do at one time in the long winter, The mansion is only about I2o feet away from the Hospital and the church about the same diatanse fro the mansion.If the Board would get a larger plant, it would be pasible to have Electric lights in all three buildings, with a concideral saving in gasoline and money.We need I2 light s in the mission and 8 lights in the churc

I beleave if x I,m not mistaken that the next zise Delco plant runs a hundred lights. and that would take care of all our lights in the three buldings, the natives pays for their own gasoline in the church. and I,m sure that they would be willing to give the money they spend for gasoline now ,to the mission for the same perpose. The store here charge I2 dollar a I 0 gal for gasoline and $ 8.00 for coaloil. the mission use about 5 gal a week in the winter, and the church 3 gal of gasoline, or I00 gal of coaloil for the mission and 50 gal of gasoline for the church during the year, now by buying all oil on the outside there would be a big saving as the freight xxx would never amoungt to the same they are selling it for here.

There is a way wherby the Baord can buy a larger plant and not lose any money on the plant that is here, that is if you act quickly, The gevernment shhool here are going to put up a Delco plant ,and by making arangment with Mr W,T,Lopp in Seattle the differense in the price could by given to him. then he could buy the large plant.send it up here and we could the exchange it when it came, I could teach the native how to run it and everybody would be benefitted, The plant would pay for itself in a few years,both in the saving of unnessesary work lots of dirt and ssoot and not least in money,

I,m making these suggestions in the hope that they will be of real service to the Board,your

Servant in Christ. Arthur Eide.

MAR 30 1921

Barrow Ala. Dec 30 1920.

Dear Dr Marquis.

Have just finished the pictures I took this summer comming up, If you wish any more just let me know. I,m at your service, and anything I can do for you or the Board in this line, I,ll do at any time.

Have sent dublicates to Dr Condit, and will send to Mr Gould also,

Wishing you again a Happy and prosperous New Year. I,m yours sinserely.

Arthur Eide

Copy

Pt Barrow Ala, Dec I4 I920

Fischer Brothers Co.
Western ave &Seneca St,
Seattle Wn,

Gentlenen:- Inclosed you will find requisition for me, to be filled out and shipped to Pt Barrow. The charge of same will be mett by the Presbyterian Home Board of Mission, I56 Fifth ave New York, They will give you further notice regard shipment, Adr to me.

We were short one dz bottled of grape juice on last years ordre,

Hoping you will get this in time for proper shipment direct to Barrow, I,m yours very truly

Arthur Eck

The Board of Home Mission, I56 Fifth ave New York,

Requisition No 2 for the Masion and Church at Barrow, Ala,

I92I.

Rochester lamp chimneys,	No 2	2 dz
Gasoline rag mantles	No 26I4	I0 dz
Oilcloth for table	Brown pattern	5 yards
Naphta Soap		4 dz
Ivory Soap		4 dz
Coal		30 tons
Coal Oil		I00 gal
Gasoline		50 gal
Washboards		2
Aluminum Tea kettle		I
Aluminum Coffee pot		I
Dishpan large		I
Candy for Christmas		I00 lb
Gospel Hymn Books		I00
Gasoline blow torch		I only
Carpet tacks		I Dz pc
Stove damper	I0"	~~3~~ ¼ Dz
" "	6"	I Dz
" pokers		I "

2 large heating stoves, one for the hospital, and one for the church
2 extra grates for same.

Requision No 3, for Hospital at Barrow, Ala,
Two years supply I92I, I922,

Coal	I85 Tons
Coal Oil	500 gal
Gasoline	250 gal
Zeroline lubrication oil	50 gal
32 v Lamps Electric	100.
For the finishing of the Hospital.	
20	100 nr 20 fuses.
Putty	20 gal
Whiting	I00 lb

We are out of putty, and as only the single windows are finished we need the putty so I can finish the duble windows before next winter, We are olso short of lumber for upstairs and the basement and cement for the fundation for Delco plant, and the Pump.

Tar paper	P,&B.	I0 rl
Cement		I0 sk
Flooring	No 2	8000 ft

Medicine for Hospital.

Vaseline plain		25 lb
Vaseline carbolated		I5 lb
Brown mixture		I0 gal
Glycerin pure		I gal
Sweet spirrit of Nitre		I gal
Ichthyol Ointment		5 gal
Zinc Ointment		5 gal
Bandages	3 in	I2 dz
Bandages	2 in	I2 dz
Bandages	I in	I2 dz
Epson salt		25 lb
Cascarin Comp	No 2 Hinkle	5000
Castoria		I gal

Sodium
alcohol

Arthur Eide

The Board of Home Mission, I56. Fifth ave New York.

Requisition for Barrow Mission, for I92I,
Barrow Ala, Dec,II,I920,

Arthur Eide, in charge,

Flour	Fishers Blend(or other)	I0sk.I00@ lb @
Rolled Oats,		I00 lb
Corn meal,	Yellow	5 0 lb
Olympic Cake and Pastry Flour		48 lb (I2 4lb cartons)
Baking powder		2 dz I lb @
Yeast		2 dz pkgs
Baking soda		½ dz pkgs
Corn starch		I dz pkgs
Pilot bread (salon)		4 cs
Soda Paradise crackers		3o lb
Chocolet Eclairs		2 — 8 lb
Graham chackers		2 — 8 lb
Head rice		I00 lb
Sugar		300 lb
Coffee		50 lb
Tea		I5 lb
Chocolet		25 lb
Ghirardellis sweet ground		24 lb I lb @
Milk Carnation		8 cs
Faith's Desiccated Eggs		1 dz 1 lb @
Potatoes Fresh 3 crate		
Onion	Fresh 2crate	
Sweet potatoes		4 dz
Butter in brime		I00 lb
Butter in tins		28 lb 2 lb @
Shasta asst Jelly		I2 ~~24~~ 2 lb tins
Tea garden Jam		I2 2lb tins
Maximum Preserves	no I asst	24 lb
Bacon		6 slabs
Hams smoked		3
Pork sausage meat no I		2 dz
Pork & Beans		4 dz large
Grape Juise		2 dz large
Crisco		7,6 lb @
Lard		4 8 lb I0 onz @
Casup		I dz
Olives	Mans stuffed 7 oz	2 dz
Mrs Porters Mayonnaise dressing	7½ medium	I dz
Salt Table		25 lb
Walnuts		50 lb
Almons		20 lb
Log cabin syrup		I dz 5 lb @
Asst Fruit		4 ~~2~~ dz
Pumkin		I dz
Corn		2 dz
Peas		4 dz
Pinaple		2 dz
Beans		3 dz
ASparagus		2 dz
Carrots		2 dz
Turnips		I dz
Cheese	(Idamer?)	3
Macarini		20 lb
Egg Noodle	Golden egg alphabets	I2 lb
Currants		25 lb
Prunes		50 lbFigs 25 lb
Raisins		50 lb
Evap Apples		50 lb
Fish balls	2-ration	2 dz
Oyster Max-i-mum no 6		I dz

#2 requision for Point Barrow Alaska.1921-1922

Gold Dust	Washing powder	24 3s		1cs
Old Dutch Cleanser		48 1 lb tins		1 "
Bar Sugar				35 lb
Toilet soap	Raibow Assorted			1 Dz
" "	Cuticura			2 Dz
Peanuts	Roasted			100 lb
Pop corn				50 "
Assorted Nuts	O.K.		2	25 " bx
Minco meat	Condensed	None such		1 cs
Swedish Sweet Toast				50 lb
Figs	White fancy			25 lb
Dates	Dromedary			30 10 oz pc
Frankfurter Bratwurst		No 1		4 Dz
Tamales	I.X.L.	boneless		48 No 1
Sardines Crescent No 1 mixt				1 cs
Soup Campbell's No 1 Assorted				2 cs
Alegator pear				5 lb

I can not buy any goods at th store here, Dr Spence filled out an ordre like this. and had it shiped up from San Frncisco, throu the store,by the Co boat,the S,S, Herman. If we dont get these gros, up this summer,we will be out of grub,

Arthur Eide

Program ~~xxxxx~~ for Christmas festival at Barrow Alaska. Dec 24 I9 20

The Birth of Christ:-

Pageant in two parts, part one:-

I: Reading by the High Prist. Luke 2.8,9 and part of I0 v,
2: The massage by the Angel to the Shephards, Luke 2.I0,II,I2,
3: Reading by the High Prist. Luke 2.I3,
4: Song by the Angels. Luke 2.~~I3,I4~~ I4,
5: The journey by the Shephards to Jerusalem. and the massage they brought to Mary:- Luke 2.I5,I6,I7,
6: Return of the Shepharsd.Luke 2.20,
7: The High Prist leads the people in Glory Song.

End of part one:-

Childrens program:- Mrs Eide in charge.-

I:	Jesus Birthday. Recitation by David,	English.
2:	The spirit of Christmas. Exercise by six children.	
3:	Babys stocking, Recitation by Jennie	E
4:	Song by four children,(girls) O little town of Bethlehem.	E
5:	Christmas life, Recitation by ~~Ew~~ Bertha	E
6:	What we will do, two girls and a boy.	E
7:	I have a Birthday, Recitation by Kate.	E
8:	Song by 7 boys, Ine Mekeruak Bethlehem,	Eskimo
9:	At Christmas time, Recitation by Emma.	EN
I0:	My Hart, Recitation by Percy.	EN
II:	Exercise by six children, Lizzie class. L-O-V-E	EN
I2:	Solo by Jeanette Blomfeild.	
I3:	Mary the Mother, Recitation by Ellen Hopson,	EN
I4:	Little Santa Claus, Recitation by Ray	EN
I5:	Christmas presents, Recitation by Eunice	EN
I6:	Song by six children, Luthers Cradle Hymn,	EN
I7:	Why Christ came. Recitation by William	EN
I8:	Christmas Tot, Recitation by Ionues	EN
I9	Recitation by Isaak and Jane.	EN
20:	Solo ,The Holy City. Lizzie	EN

Intermission:-

Birth of Christ. Part two:-

I: Song by children on the South balcony.
2: The wise men:-
3: The wise mens concil.
4: The journey from the East to King Herod:-
5: At the Palace of the King:- Mt 2.2
6: The High Prist is summoned before Herod:- Mt 2.3,4,5,6
7: Herod calls the wise men:- Mt 2.7,8
8: The Star appers, Mt 2.9,I0
9: Worshiping of the infant, Mt 2.II
I0: The wise mens recitation.
II: The wise men offers gifts to the baby.
I2: The return of the wise men, while the High Prist leads the people in singing,"Nalaksiong Aleaknaktoak Koleaktoak"

Directed by Arthur Eide, Played by native sons for the first time in the history of Barrow.

End of part two:- Santa Claus arrives:-
General fun for everybody.

Program for Christmas and New Years I920,I92I:-
Dec 24.I P.M.Pageant and Christmas tree
Dec 25 . Service at II A.M. Feast at 2 P.M.
Dec 26, Service at IIA.M.and 7.30 P.M.
Dec 27, Outdoor play and games,by the people.Busines meeting at6 P.M
Jan I I92I Races and shooting,

This will give you an Idea of our doings, the festivals are over and we had over 4oo persons presant, The mail got in at 5 P.M. so most of the white folks are by this time deep in their letters as we got our mail out late ,we got just a few letters at this time,

Barrow Alaska Dec 27 1920.

Rev John A.Marquis,D.D.

156 5th ave New York,N.Y.

Dear sir:- In case the Board should send us a larger Electric plant we need the following suplies.

No 12 insulating wire----------	2000 Ft
Conducting pipes ----------	400 "
2 ger cut meaterbox	1
1 " "	1
Loom	200 Ft
Knobs	15 Dz
32 v lamps	200
Fuses ---	5 Dz
Lamps inverted	4
Lamps with 5ft cord and swihch	15

Yours Truly Arthur Eide.

(C O P Y)

Eider

Barrow, Alaska.
Dec. 31, 1920.

Mr. Gene Gould,
624 Leary Bldg.,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Gould:- Will send you a few pictures at this time. The mail goes out to morrow morning, so I have not much time. Mr. Brown has, I'm sure told your father all about the Hospital and everything else that has happened here, so I will not go into details. It is the coldest day we have had since we came here, today, it's 45 below, how would you like that? But as long as we have coal, we are alright. We need a larger light plant and I have asked for one, put your shoulder to the request, and give us Electric light in alll out buildings, that will save us some money in gasoline.

The people have promised to give $100.00 a year for running expenses if the Board gives us the plant. We can trade the one we have now either with the store here or the school as they both are goint to have Electric light next summer. We areall well, altho A.Arthur Jr, has sore eyes after the measles. We have had a pretty hard time with trying to do all the work that Dr. Spence did, and besides work six days a week in the hospital. Cram is not the kind of man I take to, his ways of doing things are quite different from what a christian should be. They have come out against us as they did to the old Dr. and have Mrs. Brown fighting their battles for them.

Mr. Brown are still in the schoolbuilding, altho we asked them to come over to the mission and live with us when we moved in. They of course found that Crams were from Seattle and it was better to be with them than to be with my family, because you know my wife is only a native:- I'll tell you one thing, Gene; if I was was so anxious to runa Church as Mrs & Mr. Cram are, I would quit my business

and get a church of my own and not make trouble for everybody else.

I dont think much of Brown for butting into the Church work either and to try to get Cram to take the Communion service and so forth, I dont care if he is an ordained minister, I can and am going to run the Church here until I'm releaved no matter what Mr. Brown and his wife say. I did not know that Mr.Brown was sent up here to straighten out the trouble that was here, and to take charge of anything outside the building of the Hospital. He claims that I was not sent up here by the Board to do any missionary work this year, but that I am to take my instructions from him. I do not understand the Boards appointment that way. I am Dr. Spence's Asst and was to help him in whatever I could, beside working under Mr. Brown in the Hospital. When the Dr. left us, he gave me charge of everything and you bet your sweet life I'm going to keep that which was given unto me, regardless of any and all opposition here at Barrow. Mrs. Eide is doing all the medical work and it keeps her on the go all the time. We had a girl to help us take care of the children, and Mr. Cram tried different times to induce the girl to leave us, as that would handicap us in the missionary work. We were able to keep her until yesterday when she left inland with her parents. Now we have no one. I suppose they glory in their dirty work. Mrs. Brown has not offered to help Mrs. Eide in any work in the home, and so you see we are left alone to fight our own and the Drs. battles. Well, its all in a life time and I should worry, only it makes every body sore to see how foolish some people can be, I myself think it was a mistake to have Mrs. Brown come up here. I think your father would not like the way she has been talking about the misfortune of your mother. It was not necessary to do that. I have found out that the least the Browns know the better for everybody and so we are keeping away from them as much as we can. They have promised to get us out of the Mission work here next year and if they do, there will be a lot of trouble all around. Mr. Brown

gave Mr. Cram 100 sacks of coal and we will be short about in May but thats his lookout. The church is so cold that the pulpit is only a sheet of ice. I can not lay my hand on it. The people huddle around the one stove we have but it is hard to keep them warm. We need two gigantic large stoves, one for the Church and one for the Hospital in the upper story. Wednesday night I organized a council for the benefit of the people. We spent over two hours in that cold Church and the only way I could keep the people warm was to have them stand up and sit down for voting. I got six men and four women on the Council. They will mee every first Tuesday in the month to talk over the interest of the people and they will be under the supervision of the missionary in charge here. Give our best regards to the old man, and tell him that I willwrite him next mail.

Happy New Year to all,

Yours,

A. Eide.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF EDUCATION, ALASKA DIVISION

ALASKA NATIVE SCHOOL, MEDICAL, AND REINDEER SERVICE

Barrow,Alaska,Jan.15,1921.

Rev.John A.Marquis,D.D.,
Presbyterian Board of Home Missions,
156-5th Ave.New York,N.Y.

My dear Doctor Marquis:

The August number of the "New Era" Magazine has on its front page a beautiful picture entitled,THE SCHOOL-THE COUNTRY-THE HOME.

Mr.Cram and myself came to Barrow in 1910 under the U.S.Bureau of Education. After four years of service here, we took a rest in the states and were returned to this,our old field in 1917. During all this time we have labored to establish these very things this magazine endorses on its front page.

January 4th 1921,Mr.Cram,an ordained Presbyterian Minister,and United States Government Teacher,was,without provocation,brutally assaulted twice within one half hour by Arthur Eide Sr.,who represents himself to be under appointment of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions,to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to these simple native people.

These assaults were made on Mr.Cram just after entering the new Hospital Building which is in the course of construction under the supervision of M.A.Brown. Mr.Brown is also a Presbyterian and an elder in his own home church in Seattle.

The only entrance to the new building in its unfinished state is in the basement. Mr.Brown with one Eskimo helper was at work on the second floor. Mr.Eide had not reported for work that morning. Mr.Brown did not know Mr.Eide was in the building. As Mr.Cram entered this basement door,Mr.Eide accused Mr.Cram of working with Mr.Brown against him. Mr.Cram told him he was mistaken. Without further warning Mr.Eide assaulted Mr.Cram.

Mr.Cram's cry for help brought Mr.Brown to his assistance,otherwise,in all probability, Mr.Cram would have lost his life. The Eskimo man followed Mr.Brown to the basement.

Mr.Eide then left the Building and Mr.Brown,Mr.Cram and the native went to the second floor. They had just extinguished the lights preparatory to going home. Mr.Brown carried a lantern in his hand. Mr.Eide suddenly appeared again with his wife. He threatened Mr.Brown and renewed his assault on Mr.Cram.

Both upper and lower floors of the new hospital building are certainly christened with Mr.Cram's blood.

Both Mr.Brown and the native were spattered with blood. Both Mrs.Brown and myself were bloodstained as we were compelled to do what we could for Mr.Cram,since both the Doctor and the nurse had fled the field on the last boat leaving Barrow in the fall.

As you already know,no doubt,Doctor Spence turned the Manse,Church,and entire medical Supplies-both Government and Mission-over to this man Eide.

We could hardly go to him for medicine for the man he had just assaulted in such a brutal manner. Hence we were without medicine of any kind.

The news flew fast over the village and in scores of fireless,dingy,dark igloos prayers were going up for Mr.Cram's speedy recovery. To date he is doing nicely but the nervous shock to both Mr.and Mrs.Brown and Mr.Cram and myself is very,very severe. Especially is this true as we do not know what minute he may break forth again. We have no protection whatever from him.

Mr.Eide has already made light of any action being possible against him. He conducts the service in Church in the usual way-and the Sunday following the assaults made the statement that no matter what a man did he was accountable to NO MAN for his actions.

He is evidently of the same opinion of the rest of the lawless element of Barrow who openly sneer at law and say there never has been any law in Barrow ,and seem to think that no one cares to put up money enough to take a case to the Federal Court,no matter what the crime. Mr.Eide laughed and told the natives they would have to stay a year in Nome if they appeared as witnesses.

There has been a UNITED ATTACK on Mr.Cram and myself to try to force us from the field,by those whose acts of exploitation and lawlessness have been somewhat retarded by us in our eight years of service on this field.

And now this last outrage has nearly cost Mr.Cram his life and all because we were doing what we were sent here to do-namely,to preserve the honor of THE SCHOOL-THE COUNTRY-THE HOME.

We court the widest publicity,and the closest inspection of our work here regardless of the letters that have been pouring into your office by your former appointees on this field.

Now since affairs have reached the stage where even life its self is threatened it certainly is not asking too much when we request the Home Board and the Bureau of Education to demonstrate to these terrorized and bewildered people,that there is a LAW that reaches even to this remote corner of Uncle Sam's domain and that there is enough Christian Citizenship behind that law to see that it is enforced.

Surely there must be a remedy for such a situation as we have here other than that of flight. Workers coming to this field are expected to"PLAY BLIND" or be harassed until the nerves give way,and they are obliged to leave the field. At present our eyesight is good-our nerves are all right-so it remained for Mr.Eide to use brute force to accomplish the desired end.

Mr.Eide says he assaulted Mr.Cram on the spur of the moment-evidently he had two spurs on this occasion. Very well- granted. But there is a place for people who are subject to such murderous spurs. That place is hardly in a Presbyterian pulpit,neither as teacher and example to any people,much less to those who are in a community as remote as this one is.

However,the spur of the moment plea is not bourn out by his previous statements and actions. About three weeks before these assaults on Mr.Cram, Mr.Eide,in one of the most abusive tirades from the pulpit,I ever sat under,made the statement that,"Men had differences and troubles. Sometimes one man killed another. It was not a BAD thing to KILL a man-Moses killed a man in his time."

There is a great deal being said these days about Christianizing and Americanizing the foreigner- Mr.Eide,according to his own statement,is not an American citizen- and he certainly has given no evidence of being a Christian since landing here.

On the cover of the"New Era" Magazine for July 1920 is printed in large type the following:"AMERICAN GOVERNMENT DEPENDS ON CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP." It is hardly compatible with the above statement to have a man in the Presbyterian pulpit who has taken out his first papers,and defers taking out his second citizenship papers-for reasons that hardly need explanation.

If as Mr.Eide says he IS sent here by the Board of Home Missions,we feel sure you will deal with him as his outrageous conduct deserves.

If he is an imposter,then he should be dealt with even more severely.

The Natives are asking us WHY YOU PUT HIM HERE. DO WE THINK HE WILL KILL AN ESKIMO SOME DAY?

We cannot answer these questions.

Will you please answer these natives?

Yours truly

Belle Cram

U.S.Govt.Teacher

P.S. It is necessary for the safety of Mr.amd Mrs.Brown Mr.Cram and myself that Mr.Eide does not know we have written you until we can have some protection here.

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Barrow Alaska. Jan 2I I92I.

Rev John A. Marquis:-
I56 Fifth Ave N.Y.

My Dear Dr Marquis: YOU wil be sorry to learn that our precious little Sheldon went home to his maker this morning. I did evrything I could to help him, but it was of no use. If we had had a Dr ,it would have been different, I,m sure, but now it is to late God knows who is responsible for the Dr leaving the contry,some day it will all be clared up. We can not understan why we should come up here, and go throu all this. we have not done harm to anyone, willfully, All we can do,is to depend upond our God for the future our hearts are very heavy, but throu prayers God have strenght en us. We will havethe funeral Sunday, and if I have strenght, I will hold the service. Dr- we are all alone and the house is so quiet, the baby are resting in the next room. He was unconcious from Mondayand Mrs Blomfeild her housbond and ustwo have kept watch over him night and day, I lansed his teeths more than once but the pain w were all over his little body,and he suffered terible. All of us were on the egx edge of colapse, and if the baby had not given in some of us would. At last he slept, and he went in pease without any sign of trouble. My, I feel lonesome today Dr,and I wish I was a thausen miles from here. Mr Brown is making the casket and Mrs Brown isk helping Mrs Eide. They have been good to us to day: The other two children donot understand what have happened to baby and Bjarne want us to make fire for him, so he can keep worm. I cant write any more now, pray for us.

Yours in Jesue Christ

Arthur Eide

Jan 25,

Held the burial service Sunday, and buried Baby in a snowstorm, it was blowing a gale with 24 below zero. Four boys I4 years old carried him to the grave,and I put him down into a duble cascet, the people made a snowhouse over him. so that we can bury him properly next Summer. If the Board sends in Dr Condit or somebody else we can have the regular service then, if you wont it that way. I preached on Ist Cor I5 ch and Glory to God for strength to go throu it all. Mrs Cram was the only one of the white pepple th that did not come to see baby after he had passed away. The people in this part of the contry are very much wrought up against them for they say that they were the cause of the Dr leaving the contry. Praise be to God we can foregive all. Mrs Eide and I are doing the work as it come along, and Mrs have some very sick people here. most of the time she have to leave the children at home alone ,as I am kept at work in the hospital all day.

In the Name of our Saviour pry for us,

yours in Christ,

Arthur Eide

Sheldon Jackson Eide
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Barrow Alaska. Jan 31 1921.

Dr John A. Marquis:-

156 Fifth Ave. N.Y.

Dear Dr Marquis:- I think it is my place to write a few words to you Dr. about the medical work that we are doing here. Since Dr Spense left all the mission and medical work went to us, and we have been doing whtaever we could for these people. I have done most of the nursing and have in a number of cases feed the sich on light diet, from our stores, ashere were hardly any goods left for distitution. In giving out medicine and visiting the sich every day, have kept me pretty busy, besides doing my own work at home. and then it is hard to work with the sick without a Dr,

When my baby was sick, it was pretty hard, as I had to go out every day and look after the sick in the village, Mr Eide and I were all tired out, and so was Mr and Mrs Blomfield from the trading station. they helped us all the time untill the baby died. Oh: it was hard to loose ourdear baby, who was so perfect and good, every body loved him, and he took to all, but God took him away, we did everything we could to save his life, but somehow God knew what was best. God is our only salvation and help in trouble, and he has made the work so dear to us, we are going to do it the way he wants it done. Some day, we shall meet our dear little baby in the heavenly home, Satan trys to undo our work, but we have won the victory, God is on our side, but we have to keep watch every minute.

I have got along well with my sick people so far, no deaths untill our baby went, I have three patients, who are very sich with Peritonites, I tell you it keep me very bysy, they are two girls a boy and a old women, the boy is well now. one of the girl is improving, the other is still unsertain, the women is also very sick, I only wished we had a good Dr, I hope and pray that they will get well. It is good to have a Heavenly father to go to for strenght

and help,He gives us sufisiant for every day, Mr Eide works down in the hospital every day.and also do most of the mission work too. I have the Junior C.E. every Wednesday,Ilike to do more,but I have my hands full of medical work. The native children are so good to my children, they come and play with them and take them out doors every day whan it is good weather,our mission home are full of young people all the time, and they all miss our dear baby.

Now about the trouble up here, it is something awfull. I can only say that everyone who knows about it,should forgetit,thats the best way out of it. God forgets and forgive us our sins,why should we not forget. I know that Spense and Cram had trouble all these years,and no Eskimo up here will ever tell that Dr and his wife were doing anything that was wrong,every one has a good word for them, they might have had fault,like the rest of us, Mr and Mrs Cram are the only once here that talks bad about them,and the first day Mr Brown came in shore they told him all about the Dr, and he and hise wife took their part right away,as they are still living with them they are on their side yet, and so the trouble are still on.

If Browns had not lived with the Crams there would have been no trouble between us and them, Mr and Mrs Brown thinks that the Crams are perfect and that they are the only one that ever have done any thing for these natives,but the natives tell us a diferent story, Cram and Brown wer against the Dr,and as they were against them so are they against us. The trouble is, that Cram wants to run everything up here,even the mission,and they are jealous becase the Eskimo never finds fault with the mission work or the missionary,as they think the Dr was wrong.so thhey think we are wrong also, as they have had no school for two years, they have not had much to do except butting in on other people business,here are work for everybody ,but they can not cooperate with any one,they sit in the house all day and talk about the old trouble, Mr Eide and my

self have nothing against Mr and Mrs Brown. only this that they should have stayed away frm the Crams and moved over to the mission with us,and helpt us in the work,

Well if Crams and Mr Brown write to the Board about us,I hope you will not believe everything they tell. Mr Eide and myself have our fault, but when we find our mistakes, we start right over and are more anxiouse to do our work, and I,m thankfull to God,that I,m doing the work that I always wonted to do,and I,m going to do it in the name of my master,I,m helples without him,so keep on praying for us, we will be glad when we get a new Dr,and when the hospital is done, it will be good.

Remember we are always willing to do all we can for the Board.

I remain your humble servant in Christ,

Mrs Arthur Eide

JUN 13 1921

Barrow Alaska Feb 28 1921.

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With many kind thoughts. I remain Yours truly Alfred Eide

Copy to Mr Wright.

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Yours truly, Arthur Tide,

Barrow Alaska Feb 28 1921.

Mr J.A. Gould.

624 Leary Bldg,

Seattle Wn,

My dear Mr Gould:- Well I had thought that I would hear from you by this mail.but never did it ehter my poor head that I should ever receive such ~~shkanding~~ scholding as this, It came in a time when we were lest able to standit.but God will make everything straight,I,m shure, I have so far taken all ordres from Mr Brown regarding the work on the hospital.but have had charge of all mission work also medical work. Mrs Eide have done all in her power to help her own people. and I think she knows more about that work than anyone else here, when our baby was sick, she had 4 people in the village serious sick and in taking care of these,our Baby died, but all the others got well,if you could have been here this winter and seen for your self the way things have been going, you would not writen as you did, I have sayd enough.it's no use talking any more, but I told you in Seattle that I was not the one to give any reports about the works up here it was Mrs Eide, and she will tell you so. What was said before I went to New York. I can stay by, because I still have in my position the letter I received from Dr Marquis. Pleace Mr Gould, dont call me a lier while I,m here in Barrow , because you see I,m not in that business,and on the other hand I can not defend myself fromhere, if I had anything to gain by telling lies I would quit missionary work,and go trading, there is more in ~~h~~ that, but God is my withes that I have done no harm to the Board or you. If Mr Brown will take over the missionary work also I will gladly give it up. because I can not do justise to the church by working 6 days in the hospital and all day Sunday in the church, beside teaching and leading meetings in the week an evenings.I,m glad you tock it away from me.hope Brown will do you justice, but I can tell you one thing, the native will not like the change.

Well our ~~hxxxx~~ hearts are to full of sorrow to think ~~aw~~ any more about this bad business, We only wish it was summer so we could know one thing ore the other, My wife is heartbroken over this mess and do nothing nigths than to cry over baby,and I,m not much better myself, Yours very truly, William Eide.

Barrow Alaska Feb 2E 192I.

Mr Gene Gould.

624 Leary Bldg,
Seattle Wn,

My dear Gene:-

Thank you very much for your kind letter, your Fathers two letters were afa nature that made my spine run coad, I do not understand how things should have worked out the way they did,I and Mrs Eide had nothing in our mind to the effect that we were to resive any glory for the work that we came here to do. Everything shure is in a mess. As you will know before you get this letter. no one have tried to work in harmony with the church,it have been one nasty thing after another,and I do not know what will come from the ordres that were given Mr Brown by your Father, I,m indid supris ed to learn from you Father that I was sent up here by the Board as a janitor. if I had known that, I would never went,as I wont to do christian work.and I,m qualified to do it, We are working 7 days a week and no healp from any one, I supose that you will hear that I have chased every body out of the church, but I will lett the natives spikx speek for themselves. God is our witnes and I submit myself to Him.We have a revival in the church,but I know that it will be broken up now that the church is in the hands of Brown and Cram, My God Gene this is awfull. everybody against us both on the outside and here,what have I done? and what is the ch charges against us? Your Father says that I have a svelled head, but nothing could be farther from the fact, I know my work among the natives, and Mrs Eide and myself are only to glad to do what we can,Well Gene our Baby layes under the snow now,and I should give all I have to be there too. I know Mrs Eide feels the same way, I suppose the Board will have their hands full in straighten out the dirty work that have been aqumulated here for the last four yeas

I thank you for your sympathy and prayers may God show you people that we are not here to run the works but to do the work that are to be done,and let me tell you that that was never done by the Crams,as the natives will testify to. I,m sick of all the trouble and hardship we have had,since we came under the Board and f if was not a kawardly thing to do, I would throw up the work as the athers did,but no,we will stick to the job untill we are iether

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justified or fired.Mes Eide has had her hands full all winter with sick people,and it was oving to her work with the natives that our baby was left with very little attention. It is not Mr Brown that have been doen very much harm to me, it is his wife with the help of Mrs Cram. Cram resived one hundred sacks of coal from Mr Brown to keep the school going, but Mr Cram have not held school for two monh months now, allthe thy have a big front room that is worm all day. We are short of coal.but if we arecold and our babyes ~~frezi~~ freezing makes not much bifferent,as long as the others have what they wont, Dr Spence left everything in my care,untill I should hear from the Board. I have not heard from them yet,exept your father,and he says that Brown as to run it. I asked the Browns to move with us into the mission but they refused,saying that they would move into the hospital after christmas,but they have not moved yet. if we had been together all would have been well. and we would also have had enough fuel.

I have sent tha Board and you pictures of the hospital and will send you more when I get some prirted, the work is going on fine, Ihave gimen all the inside such as doors and moldings a coat of paint.

The mail came in this afternoon,and goes put tomorrow so have not much time to answer letters.

God bless you Gene for your letter,it was the only one that chered me up,nomather what you people thinks about me and my wife, if there are anything you wont let me know,and I will do it.

Yours very truly.

Arthur Eide.

Barrow March I 1921.

Dear Gene . By a mistake the mail that went out in Feb ,did not get to the outside, but were taken back. I am sending a letter that have been sent to Marquis, Condit, and you, I leave it to your good judgment, if you think it adwisable to lett your Father see it. He is sore at me now and I think that when he read this he will never forgive me, as he think it is all my fauth,well you know how hard you Mr Brown an I worked while the old man was i the genneral Comf, and you also know that I gave all my time to you when you wonted me. All I got for my trouble were a bad sitting down on from Mr G.and from the office in N,Y. now it seems like we have lost everything. It has already come to our ears that Mr Cram was to take over to Mission and the Hospital. I saw Mr Brown this morning and asked him what he was going to do about the Mission,but he would not say, I asked if he had got ordres from the Board to take over the work and he said yes. He wont to cal a meeting with the Elders and ask them what they wont to do, and who they wont to preach in the chutch, that's good.

I,m sending some films for the use of the Board and your self, if you have any use for them, the one's that have my enitials, I want to be kept for me, as I want to use them later. I will send you more when I take them. They explain themselfes. The ship is the S.S.Olga loading at Teller Ala. The other two are loading lumber, at the same plase, and the hospital freafreight on the worf , then there is on the fox where the native come to welcome us North,at Wainwright, al the others are from Barrow.

The only thing that hold us up now, is your letter and the trust in God that we have,we hope that everything will work for the best of everybody, Mrs Eide and I thank you with all our hearts for your kind letter, God bless you and remember us in your prayers, sinserely your freinds.

Mathias Eide.

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June Eight 1921.

Rev. John Marquiss, D.D.,
156 - 5th Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear sir:

I am herewith handing you two letters which have been addressed to me by Arthur Eide.

Yours truly,

S. D. Wingate

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June 18, 1921.

S. D. Wingate, Esq.,
715 Seaboard Building,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Mr. Wingate:

I have your favor enclosing two letters from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eide of Point Barrow, Alaska. We had received a day or two before the same letters.

I am sorry Mr. Eide has not been able to make good at Point Barrow and I fear very much that he will be under indictment for assaulting the school teacher up there. He came to our Board with strong recommendations from Dr. Mark A. Matthews, and others in Seattle, and we thought he would be a valuable assistant to us there. We have notified him of his removal from our work there, to our great regret. It is of the utmost importance that all connected with the mission should keep the law of the country and set a Christian example to the natives there, which, if the reports concerning Mr. Eide are true, he has not done.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am

Very sincerely yours,

JAM:ES

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June Twenty-Two
1921.

Rev. John A. Marquis,
156 - 5th Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 18th received. After very carefully noting the contents I must say that I am very sorry indeed that Mr. Eidd has not been able to make good at Point Barow. I exceedingly regret that it has become necessary for the Board to notify him of his removal from the work there.

I am wondering whether or not a severe reprimand from the Board would not be productive of the desired result and not necessarily a removal.

When he was here I knew him quite well and believe that he might yet be of great service to the Board if placed within certain confines, if that is possible, where he must recognize that he owes certain duties and obligations not only to the community but to the Church.

Yours very truly,

SDW:PK

S D Wingate

June 27, 1921.

S. D. Wingate, Esq.,
714 Seaboard Building,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Wingate:

I thank you for your letter of the 22nd in regard to Mr. Hide. I fear he has made his retention at Point Barrow hopeless. We tried putting him under very strict orders before he went there and afterwards, but in spite of this he assaulted the Public School teacher there twice and beat him up pretty badly. In addition to this it is reported that he went into the pulpit the next Sunday and justified himself on the ground that "Moses at one time killed a man." Evidently he forgot to inform his people that Moses had to get out of the country after he did it.

I feel sorry for the man and would like to help him in every way I can, and if there were an opening at some other place I should be glad to try him out again. While I am not informed I suspect that the U.S. School authorities will insist on his leaving Point Barrow in view of his unprovoked assault on their representative at Barrow. The man he assaulted is also a U.S. Commissioner there, which makes Mr. Hide's position still worse.

I appreciate very deeply the spirit in which you write in regard to him.

Very sincerely yours,

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July 2, 1921.

Rev. John A. Marquis,
156 - 5th Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 27th, 1921 has just been received. I note the contents and hasten to reply by calling your attention to the fact that from very reliable sources I have information that the Government Official whom you refer to , I suppose Mr. Cran, has been a source of trouble in not only that locality but in all other localities at which he has been stationed. This is not first hand information but from very reliable sources. You note I say "sources" not "source". I think probably you will find that the Government Officials will not be so anxious as one might suppose when they are aware of the fact that Mr. Cran has been assaulted.

I am passing this information along to you as confidential, and trust that you will treat it as such and use it as a foundation for some investigation.

It is currently reported here that the reason that the Doctor left up there was because of this Mr. Cran. I think you should make a personal investigation as to this.

I am not in any way trying to justify Mr. Eide's action in making an assault upon Mr. Cran or anyone else and while I do not question your statement that it was unprevoked, I think that if all the facts were laid before you that you might change your sentence to read so as to eliminate the word, "unprevoked."

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I would appreciate it if you would have a statement made by Dr. Spence as to conditions there when he was there and why he left.

There are some other matters current that I would like to convey to you but I do not want to until I have more definite information, whIch I will have in a few days.

Yours very truly,

SDW:PK

S D Wingate

July 7, 1921.

B. S. D. Wingate, Esq.,
714 Seaboard Building,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Wingate:

Thanks for your letter of the 2nd in regard to Mr. Eide and his trouble with Mr. Green. I appreciate what you say in regard to the difficulty our workers have had in getting along with Mr. Green at Pt. Barrow. My point in writing, however, is to say that our Superintendent, Rev. J. H. Condit, is now on his way to Pt. Barrow to make a full investigation of the matter there and also take such action as his judgment may indicate for the best of all parties concerned. It is a comfort to me to know that Mr. Eide has a friends who speaks in his behalf. The only desire of the Board is to do what is right for the mission and for the work as well as the workers.

Very sincerely yours

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Pr-sbyterian Mission
Barrow Alaska.

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Dr. JohnA. Marquis.D.D.
I56 Fifth Ave,N.Y.City.

My dear Dr. Marquis:-

Your letters have been received,and I may say that I,m at a loss to understand the Board have aperently taken against us, regarding the article in tha Continent,I know nothing about the paper,have never heard about it before I saw the name in your letter, Do you think it is right that I should be hold responsible for such thingsas that? someone who knows me or have heard about us put it in the papers,I dont know who they are,exept those in Seatile,and you will ,I think,hear something from them,as I have told them what I thought of them. This same misunderstanding have poisoned our life up here,and we are treated By Mr. Brown as if we were crooks.The hospital is locked for us,and we have been told by Mr, Brown to stay out of it, when he is not there. I have been refused to use the mission skif for hunting,andas we are without supplies,this meens something, all the year have been full of insults,to us as well as to the people. If the Board wrote to Mr,Brown and gave him full charge of the Mission work here.they did wrong in not telling me about it. The people have reconiced me as the head of the church,and refused to have Mr. Brown over them,they wonted me to preach for them,and I have done so,to the best of my ability,and all the church work have goen on as in the past, Mrs Eide have given all her time in taking care of the medical work.and she have had her hands full all winter,Ihave conducted eight funeral services,and the copy I send you,of the letter that goes to Dr.Lopp, will give you an understanding of some of the diffiulty I have had in conducting the service.

I have intodused and organiced a church concil, that take the plase of deacons, they are very pleased with it,and do good work. This activity have brought the enmity of Mr Cram,and we have been hindered in our work at all time by the Crams and Browns. I have given 8 hours a day to Mr Brown up to the 22 of June when I met with a serius accident. Mrs Eide and myself buried our little baby the night of the 2I of June,I for one did not feel very good all the next day on account of baby, after church, on the 22. Mrs Eide wonted to go out fishing as we had nothing in the house,I was cold and went to make a fire, I got hold ofthe wrong can,and insted of coaloil, poured gacoline on the wood and the can, which was half full of gas exploded in my rigth hand, the can broke into small pieces and threw the hole thing over my, I was burning from my knees up to the hair,I lost most of it but no damage was doneto my fase, I ran out and dived into a snowbank, and there rooled around untill the fire was out,I had on a pr of sealskind pants and a heavy sweatter and these saved my life,altho thesweatter is not much good, as my hands was burning,I rubed them in the snow,and the skind on the rigth, came off,as if it had been a glove,it hurt some, but nothing to fuss about, the only damage done in the kitchen were, a corner of a grass rug on the floor and sonnys new nightdrees, it was the only one he had ,and he got it the week before,so the poor fellow has none that is any good now. Well we can say,is, The Lord gave, The Lord took, Blessed be the Name of the Lord for Ever. dont think that we are here for anything alse then the Glory of God,andfor the progress of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are inded very sory for all the unpleasant happings of the past year, as long as the Dr was here,Mr Cram thought that I was a fine fellow,but when he left everything in my charge,I became worst then the Dr, because I would not take all the dirt he gave me,Mr Brown have not been any better then him, The Comunian service was taken out of my hands by Mr. Brown Mr Cram officiated, about $ I8. 00 came in in the colectian,and this expres the feelings of the people toword Cram and Brown, Mr. Brown did not wont the money but told a native to keep it untill the new man came,then give it to him,we need it for buying food,as Mr Brown refuse to conceider any need that we are in.

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I have this winter bought meat to the amount of about $35.00 for which I have paid the natives out of the goods that we got from Seattle, however the goods we had from Seattle were not enough for our need during the whole year, and as we can get no credit from the store, we are going hungry, I hope the Board will provide enough food for us in the future, sa that our babies may have enough, at least, As I write this, the native that gat the colection, came over to me with themoney, he does not want to keep it, and the people wants me to have it, as we need it very m much, there are $ 17.65 and three Ivory rings. I will send you the rings. there are also two sealskinds worth $.50 ¢ @, making a total of $ 18.65 which the Board may colect from my salary. Hoping this issatisfactory.

I have taken some picture of the hospital while under construction, and have sent the same out to Seatile. Mr, Gould will send the Board any pictures wanted. I, m out of papers so I cant print any. Here are work for one man at least one year more, as we are short of lumber, both for the outside and the upstairs, Dr, Spence were corect in wanting anxxxxx automobil a one ton truck, Ford, with duble wheels on the rear acsle, solid tires, would be a very good thing for the Mission and the hospital Hospital It could be used at least from the midle of May to Sept. The contry around Barrow is as flat as the high lands in Montana and Dakotas, here are no hils to be seen anywhere, but here are plenty water, here are also lakes with fish not more then a half days xwalk away, I think I would be able to supply the personal of the mission with fish, by spending a couple of weeks fishing each Summer, I have two nets, as the ground is dry, and the beach is covered with fine sand the truck can be used from here to the point, and also for many miles down the cost to Wainwright, where the Board should have a mission, as one half of the people down there belongs to this church.

The people are leaving Barrow, some for a year or so, others plan to stay away for good, the reason for this is the preveiling high prices, and not enough game. I know people that owe the store over $ 1200. others from a thousen down to a few hundred only one man here is out of debt, Sugar is $50.00 @ 100bl Milk $ 20.00 @ case, all alse in proportion. There should be at Barrow a traveling missionary, who should minister to these scattered people. it would not be hard on a man to do this, the only necessity are a good dogteam and a good gide, with plenty of grub and a Bible. the rest is easy.

If necessary I think I would be willing to do this work, but I think my time will be needed at Barrow, here is lots of work, plenty to keep a man out of mischief.

We are now cleaning up the church and the mission, the ice is melting fast and we are all anxious to see the ships come in. As I have much to do before the boats come I have to stop, with the best and kindest regards to you from Mrs Eide and myself,

Sincerely yours

Arthur Eide

(Copy)

Memorandum

In re agreement between Mrs. Arthur Eide and the Presbyterian Mission of Barrow, Alaska.

Mrs. Eide is to be housekeeper at the hospital.
This means that she shall prepare meals, wash dishes, keep the house clean and do all that is included in the term "housekeeper"
She shall be under the direction of Miss Dakin who will prescribe duties and oversee her work as Nurse in charge of the hospital building.
She shall also aid in the general missionary work, as hertime from these duties will permit, as Miss Dakin shall direct.
In return for these services she shall receive her maintenance including room, for herself and children, and also a monthly salary of $25 per month.

(Signed) Henry W. Greist
Supt in Charge
Mrs. Arthur Eide
Housekeeper

Barr9w, Alaska, Aug 10, 1921

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There will be, no action taken by the Presby'ly of Yukon as above.
As Arthur the approval of Dr. Grist & Dr Margison affirm my action as tentatively & action on case tentatively approved by Council
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Executive Council approval 9/19/21.
Date from Aug 1. 1921
8/1-6-8 mos. 200.-

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Barrow, Alaska.

September 7, 1921.

Dear Dr. Marquis;

Things have changed considerably in the hospital since I last wrote you. The day the Bear left the people staying here moved into their homes and Mrs. Eide and the children came here and we started to get straightened around. At that time we had two women patients who had come in the seventeenth of August. They are still here. On the twenty-seventh a baby with pneumonia was brot here and Sunday we took in a boy, tuberculosis suspect. I have been quite busy with them, especially the baby, so have not entirely finished getting the hospital to rights. But things are ready for any kind of work at any time. Besides my patients I have been treating the ears of a boy who comes here every day. Dr. Greist has been seeing the people at the manse as he was too busy getting his house fixed to come over here. But I think he will soon start seeing the patients at the hospital. He is to be here one hour every morning to see them.

We have had to have the furnace going most of the time but with the kitchen range it is sometimes almost too warm so I think with the two furnaces going we ought to keep warm this winter.

The men are finishing the ice house. We are told by people here it will not keep ice in the summer. I am sure it is not large enough to hold all the ice we will need for this hospital tho we are most careful of the water. It would be much better if we could have an ice cellar dug right back of the hospital. As it is we not only will not have room for the ice we need, but we have no place to keep our meat.

A man is putting the glass in the outside windows. It will take a long while as they are to be double glazed and he has to take days off to go walrus hunting when the sea is not too rough.

Dr. Greist cannot tend to the Sunday School so he has given it over to me. Besides being superintendent I have a class of the English speaking boys and girls, and teach the teachers here Friday evenings. That is about all I can tend to with the patients tobe looked after. You see there is no one to see to them if I am out.

I wish you could come up here next year. It is a dreadful trip but I think it pays when you get here. The hospital is splendid and I love the view from the windows looking out over the ocean. I think when you tried to get a doctor you made this place out all too dreadful. It is not half as bad as it is painted. There may be some inconveniences but things are never perfect wherever you go. Other things make up for them and the work is great. The young couple at the school are fine and will work right in with the Mission. It is all most interesting. Mrs. Eide is doing all right so far and is certainly a help in interpreting for the patients.

I hope soon to have some pictures to send you of the men with their dog teams hauling the coal up from the beach. But I am afraid they will not be real clear as it was not a bright day.

There is a great deal of ice in the water so the Hermon is expected back any day. I hope you are not suffering from the heat.

Sincerely

Florence C. Dakin.

C O P Y

Nov. 14, 1921.

Dr. John A. Marquis,
156 Fifth Ave., N. Y.

My dear Dr. Marquis:

I am sending you this date three articles from the Seattle Times by Arthur Eide. This imposter, it seems to me, has gone the limit and there should be a halt called. He built the hospital in all the Seattle papers before we went north and denied to me that he put it in the papers, but that his wife gave it out to the reporters (and she said she did). The same thing came out in the Nome papers after we arrived there. Mrs. Eide took the blame for that. And now that we have arrived in Seattle and Mrs. Eide is not here he certainly cannot put the blame on her for these articles in the Seattle Times.

If he is allowed to run rampant and do as he pleases and go back to Barrow as he says he will, then no one can tell what a positive hindrance it will be to the work. I pity Dr. and Mrs. Greist for the Doctor will not be able to do the work and fight this imposter all the time who dearly loves to be in the "limelight" all the time and put everybody down. He has no regard for the truth, bought merchandise for his own personal use and charged to the Board, took the Easter collection from the poor natives and spent it, sold articles that belonged to the Board and kept the money. His actions while in Barrow were a disgrace that cannever be wiped out. You cannot deal with a degenerate in a remote place like Barrow as you can in the States. He had to leave the Diomede Islands in a skin boat or the natives would have killed him for desecrating their graveyards. He has nothing to recommend him any place he ever lived,- To those who know the facts. Now is it possible to correct these statements and let the truth be known and not allow him to fool some other organization.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) M. A. Brown,

5804 Rainier Ave., Seattle.

Seattle Sept 16th 1921

Mr J A Bonell
624 Lacy Bldg
Seattle Wash.

I desire through you to make my appeal to the Board and the Architect of the construction and building of the Hospital at Point Barrow, Alaska. and why certain changes were made. The plans called for a basement with sloping sides and an excavation of four feet. which would not be practical as it is only two feet down to solid ice and would not be uncovered as the soil keeps the ice

"now"

from melting. The wing including the drying yard was cut-down because I did not have material to build it as large. This wing was in the shape of the letter J. the stem from the main building being 10'-8" wide by 12'-0" long and the two rooms ice house and store room being 12'-4" wide by 28'-0" long each room being 11'-4" by 13'-0" inside. and one room finished complete in the stem 6'-6" wide by 8'-8" long with hall way 3'-0" by 12'-0" with an outside door opening into this hall way.

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This Entrance will be used more in the winter season than the other but it being on the lee side and well protected from the storm. The roof was changed because I did not think it possible to shed the rain, counting the sagging of a 2"×10" joist on a 16'-0" span and the wrinkles in a paper roof laid in freezing weather it being impossible to lay perfectly flat and smooth as you can in a hot climate. So there is bound to be water running

on the roof after any rain and would freeze before Evaporation could take place to say nothing of the drift and ice which would accumulate on the roof during 10 months of the year.
and another thing more serious is the ice which accumulates between the roof and ceiling. this space of ten inches heat-on the inside and cold outside ice forms to the thickness of one inch and there would be no possible chance to take it out-neither do I think there is any possible chance

to prevent it from forming between these joists then when it melts during July it would ruin the ceilings, as it as did ice formed on the under side of the roof sheathing and on the sides of the rafters many slabs 1" thick and it took two natives three days to scrape it down and shovel out of the building. Now when this room is finished on the second floor we can still take out this ice which will form as it did last winter

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We can work from the attic on each side of the room. This has to be done when it is warm enough for the ice to loosen.
The room on the second floor is 16'-0" wide by 69'-0" long. 5'-0" high in the front side and 7'-0" high in the center. The two sides and ceiling being equal 6'-0" each with two large windows in each end and two dormers in the roof with one small window in each making a large light- and airy room. with three Electric lights in ceiling 34 single beds could be

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placed in this room in
an emergency making
about three times as many
as calculated on the first floor
and by placing two large
registers in the floor above
the ones on first floor could
be made comfortable.
and whether you finish this
or not at this time I
think it should be floored
over, number two 1x4 flooring
would do and it would take
1600 feet and to finish the
ice house and store room
would require 2000 feet some
good flooring would do fine

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The reason I was short of this kind of lumber was because I had to build the basement above ground. I had billed out all this lumber and had it ordered before receiving Mr Hoide's bill of material and he was not to blame for any shortage.

We finished a room in the basement in the centre of the building 15'-0" wide by 44'-0" long with a matched floor of 2" by 6" fir flooring laid on 4" x 4" rough sleepers spaced two feet apart. This room contains two large Calorie furnaces sixty six inches diameter and

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The Delco Light-plant-
Batteries and a small
heating stove. This room
has only one ply of 1"x6"
matched sheating and one
ply of paper and is
pretty comfortable, but-
would be better to have
another ply of matched
lumber and paper.
On all outside walls above
first-floor we put on four
plys of paper two on
the outside and two inside
using one more than the
plans call for making
a frame building about as
warm as it could be built-

using paper around all window and door openings making everything perfectly tight. All the inside finish was hand smoothed scraped and sand papered. All floors were scraped to an even surface. Sand papered and filled with boiled linseed oil and paint on hot which makes a nice surface. The main building 36'-0" by 70'-0" and the stem of the wing 16'-8" x 12'-0" were all finished complete just as the plans call for and no change made whatever using Upson Board for the finish on all walls and ceilings.

Painted the building two coats of white outside and inside, and a light gray color on the walls and ceilings and have plenty of lead and oil to put on another coat next year and that would last for three years.

In putting in the foundation we used concrete piers made and shipped from Seattle, putting them down two feet below the surface in solid ice and putting a 6"x6" post spaced 6'-0" apart on these piers and filling up and tamping these with the dirt taken out of the holes

Mr Brewer told me he had taken a foot out of the ground that had been cursed up for 30 years and it was perfectly sound.
We commenced the building on the 30th day of August and on the 25th day of September we had the building closed and all our lumber inside. This was possible only because we had the finest September weather that was ever known in that country. I am sure we had a good many prayers back of it.

We employed 16 Natives for the first month until we had the building enclosed any thing had to be carried back from the beach about 1/3 of a mile making it very expensive The total cost for native help amounted to $2649.40 for which orders were issued on the Traders Store to each individual and he traded it out paying a good round price for any thing. We paid $3.00 per day working from 7 AM until 6 PM allowing 1 hour off at noon.

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I think I have answered all Mr Ward's inquiry in regard to changes. I do not like, nor never did change a plan without consulting the architect but in this case as you well know it was impossible to do that.

Hoping I have made it all clear and that everything will be satisfactory I am sincerely yours

M. A. Bishop

Nov 14. 1924

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156. Fifth Ave. N.Y.

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